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Dear Mr. Swanson:

Mr. Dulles has asked me to acknowledge your letter of November 24, 1959.

We in the Central Intelligence Agency share your keen interest in the impressive economic developments in Soviet Russia. You are fortunate to have been able to visit the U.S.S.R. and personally observe the situation there.

As to your questions pertaining to the U.S. policy response to the Soviet challenge, this is, of course, a matter of active interest and concern not only in Washington but throughout the country. The months to come will surely see increasing public debate on this problem. The Central Intelligence Agency, however, is not a policy making office; the National Security Act of 1947, which authorizes our existence, specifically excludes policy-making from our field of responsibility. Your concern over this problem can thus be more effectively addressed to appropriate other Federal agencies or through your elected Congressional representatives.

Your interest is much appreciated.

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Mr. Allen W. Dulles Director of the C I A, Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I have just read the article in the U. S. News & World Report of your comprehensive and factual information about Russia. As I visited there a year ago I came away fully convinced that Khrushchev's plan is to take over the world by industrial production that no country of the western powers could compete with.

But I like to have you explain to me how we are going to even hold the line of 2% that he predicts... spending billions to build rockets and hang stations in the sky which has nothing to do with an actual defense against the Communists. But that is also in the plans; to bankrupt us financially, which is also closely related to a moral degeneracy, and who could deny that?.

We read about some of the most fantastic proposals of some senators that fly around the world looking for places to invest billions of the taxpayers 45¢ dollars, and sometime I wonder if they are not intentionally speeding the day for our collapse. The two year cultural and Scientific exchange which was just signed by the president gives the Communists right to come here and indoctrinate their ideology in to minds of many of our vacillating citizens, and I have no right to oppose them, this to me is an invitation to the Communists to come over here and brain-wash us, and I am sure they will! Sincerely Yours.

*P. J. Swanson*

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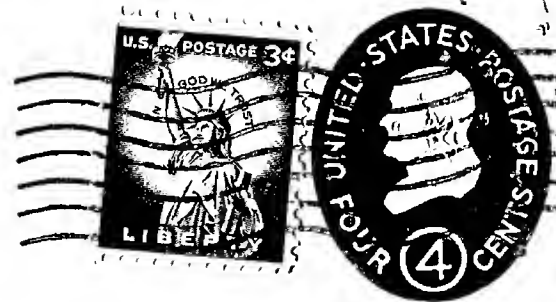
This is the letter that we discussed today  
over the telephone.

Dr. Guthe:

Will you please have this answered  
directly from ORR. A copy of the reply  
should be sent to ER. Phyllis

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